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OUTLINES.

Bradstreet's reports the business situation as still favorable, with fewer failures and slightly larger bank clearings. —— The House was engaged yesterday with consideration of the Postoffice appropriation bill; the Senate was not in session. —— The formal transfer of the new cruiser Amazonas from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes was made yesterday at Gravesend, Eng. —— An assemblage of Spanish officials representing the Spanish government and the new autonomous government of Cuba is in Washington for the purpose of opening negotiations for commercial treaties with the United States. —— The Maine Court of Inquiry is continuing its sessions at Key West. —— The crew of the filibustering steamer Dauntless have joined the U. S. navy. —— Gen. Weyler denies the authenticity of a letter published in the "yellow" journals. —— Mr. Gladstone's condition is again precarious. —— Judson C. Lyons, colored, of Georgia, will probably succeed the late B. K. Bruce as register of the treasury. —— A government force is at work planting torpedoes in the harbor at Savannah, Ga. —— President McKinley is expecting the report of the Maine Court of Inquiry. —— The military bill will be pushed through Congress as speedily as possible —— Recruiting is going on apace at all stations for the army and navy. —— Three business men of Texas are under arrest charged with swindling by means of bogus bills of lading. —— The report of the Spanish court of inquiry will be delayed until the American report is published. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@1½ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton was quiet—middling 6½c; flour was moderately active and steadier, without material change; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red $1.04½; corn—spot firm; No. 2 36½c.; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet at 33½@34c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, D. C., March 18.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 58 deg.; 8 P.M., 62 deg.; maximum, 70 deg.; minimum, 57 deg.; mean, 64 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 0.99.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm which was central this morning in northern Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas has advanced northeastward, and now extends in a narrow trough from Kansas to the upper Lake region. It is accompanied by generally cloudy weather and showers over the northern districts from the Rocky Mountains to the Middle Atlantic coast. Generally clear weather prevails from North Carolina to the Gulf, and in the lower Mississippi valley. The barometer continues highest along the Atlantic coast. It is much warmer than on yesterday evening in the central valleys and the Southwest and much cooler in the Atlantic Coast States from North Carolina to New York. The temperature is also falling over the Northwest and snow is reported at St. Paul, Minn. Brisk to high southerly winds prevail in the Southwest.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 7.7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Showers; warmer in the interior; southeasterly winds.

Port Almanac—March 19.

Sun Rises	6.06 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.11 P. M.
Day's Length	12 H. 05 M.
High Water at Southport	5.50 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	8.20 P. M.

The Richmond *Dispatch* suggests that one of the warships bought from Brazil be named Fitzhugh Lee. There might be worse fits than that.

Sometimes people find "a tempest in a teapot" but that Pennsylvania woman who found $2,000 in an old one buried on a farm continued as calm as could be expected under the circumstances.

Judging from the time the New York Legislature has spent in considering a bill prescribing what chiropodists may do in treating corns, it may be inferred that the corn crop of that State is pretty large.

Within the past week more than sixty merchant vessels capable of being converted into warships have been placed, by their owners, at the disposal of the Government. They could mount an aggregate of over 1,000 guns.

A contemporary rises to enquire if anyone has heard from one Mr. Waite, who some time ago intimated a hankering to wade in blood up to his horse's bridle. Oh, wait. He'll be heard from "when the clouds roll by."

That Kentucky girl who is selling her book "Pink Root Blossoms" for a dollar and throwing in a kiss, is doing a big business. It isn't often that a Kentucky man can get a book and a whole pink root kiss for a dollar, and they are rushing before the supply is exhausted.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

In our editorial summary of the Cuban situation yesterday we expressed the opinion that the fact that the Government took occasion to deny that the withdrawal of the war vessels from Key West was a concession to Spain's remonstrance, tended to create a suspicion that it was a part of the game of diplomacy now being played. The following from the Washington *Post* of yesterday sustains the position taken by tha STAR:

"There is reason to believe that the administration has reached some sort of agreement with Spain which will result in a cessation of the war preparations in both countries. Negotiations will be entered into, the result of which will allow the Spanish flag to continue flying over Cuba. The halting of the torpedo flotilla at the Canary Islands is part of the agreement, and the Spanish government will to-day be informed that the United States has agreed to weaken its fleet at Key West. The Spanish government will be allowed ample time to further experiment with its plan of autonomy on the island."

As has been suggested by the STAR before, the authorities at Washington are subordinating everything to the strictly commercial view. "National honor" and common humanity are at a discount. The Mark Hannas have McKinley by the throat, and the horrible spectacle of tens of thousands of Cubans —men, women and children—being killed by starvation makes no impression on the money-changers. It is a disgrace to American civilization that this war of extermination by starvation is allowed to continue in Cuba.

The London *News* has a pretty large-sized idea of the get-up of American genius and rises to remark that, "under the stimulus of danger, Americans will turn out some wonderful guns beside which the Hotchkiss and the Maxim will be mere children's toys." He is a very observant and level-headed Englishman who wrote that.

The manufacturers of Bessemer steel have just formed a combine to restrict the output and put up the price of their product. It isn't a "Trust." It is just a little mutual arrangement to regulate the prices. That's all. "A rose by any other name," etc.

The rural members of the New York Legislature killed the dollar gas bill. They had as much gas as they could stand in Albany, and didn't want to make it any cheaper.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery—Choice bananas.
King Grocery Co.—Eggs 10c. dozen.
W. E. Worth & Co.—To the public.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. C. Rodes, of Wallace, is here.

— Mr. Washington F. Peace, of Clarkton, is in the city.

— Mr. M. C. Guthrie, of Southport, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Fair Bluff, is in the city on business.

— Mr. E. B. Borden, of Goldsboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. C. A. Stevens, of Lake Waccamaw, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. S. Bundy, of Hamlet, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. E. Stevens, of Newbern, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Chas. E. Haskett, of Goldsboro, was a visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mr. E. E. Gorham, of Fayetteville, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. W. M. Douglass, of Charleston, S. C., was a visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mr. R. F. Arledge, a popular snuff drummer from Charlotte, is in the city calling on the trade.

— Mr. J. Weil returned yesterday from a Northern trip, accompanied by his niece, Miss Cohn, of Washington.

— Mr. P. W. Screven, representing Capt. N. Christensen, manufacturer of cob pipes, at Beaufort, S. C., is in the city.

— DuBrutz Cutlar, Jr., Esq., left on day before yesterday for Marion, N. C., to be with his father, who recently was taken suddenly worse.

— Miss Jessie Stevens, of Southport, is the guest of Miss Edith Boles. She came down from Newbern yesterday, where she has been the guest of relatives since the Fair.

The "Extras" Yesterday.

"Extras" were published yesterday declaring war on all who do not attend the performance that Milton Breckenridge, the young hypnotist, will give at the Opera House Monday night. One of the features of the performance will be the awakening of a young man previously put to sleep and placed on exhibition in the window of Mr. A. Prempert's shaving parlor, 11 South Front street.

Resolutions of Respect.

The Ladies' Concordia Society of the Temple of Israel assembled yesterday to take action in regard to the death of one of their most valued members, Mrs. A. David. Suitable resolutions were adopted, conveying the sense of loss felt by the society and extending condolence to the family of the deceased.

LOCAL DOTS.

— J. E. Howard, colored, the new janitor of the Custom House, was sworn in yesterday.

— Eggs are getting cheap. The King Grocery Co. are selling them today at 10 cents per dozen.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of a colored couple, Jim Chambers to Idella Nixon.

— The Palace Bakery advertises this morning one hundred bunches of choice bananas, also a large quantity of fine oranges.

— John Phillips, colored, was made to pay the costs yesterday, in Justice Fowler's court, in a case charging him with disorderly conduct.

— The weekly statement of cotton and naval stores appears on the second page this morning. Season's receipts of cotton amount to 305,958 bales.

— In the ice advertisement of Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co., as it appeared yesterday, 35 pounds should have been 25 pounds in first two lines of price-list. The ad. is correct as it appears to-day.

— The pulpit at the First Baptist Church will be occupied Sunday by Rev. Mr. Harnly, of Chadbourn. He is an elders brother of Rev. D. H. Harnly, who preached for the First Baptist congregation about a year ago.

— Walter Branch, who was pronounced insane Thursday, was sent to the City Hospital yesterday. He will remain there until the operation foreshadowed in yesterday's STAR is performed, which will be within the next few days.

— The new charter for the Co operative Building and Loan Association, recently organized in this city, signed and sealed by Secretary of State Cyrus Thompson, was received by Col. Taylor at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court yesterday and was duly recorded.

— Mr. H. H. McKeithan, agent of the Seaboard Air Line at Wadesboro, and a subscriber to the DAILY STAR in good standing for twenty-three years, was a visitor here yesterday. Mr. McKeithan is a native of Brunswick county and comes this way occasionally to see old friends and relatives.

Now Has 125 Members.

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association of Wilmington yesterday afternoon at their office in the Seaboard Air Line building. As usual President W. A. Johnson presided and Secretary Heinsberger was at his post.

One of the features of the meeting was a report from the secretary showing that one hundred and twenty-five business houses of the city are now members of the Association and that quite a number of others are considering the matter of joining.

The charter recently issued by the Secretary of State was presented and formally accepted by the Board. There was considerable business of a private character pertaining to the routine work of the Association.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—115 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 7 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—78 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 69 bbls rosin, 70 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—4 casks spirits turpentine, 148 bbls rosin, 68 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—102 bales cotton.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—2 casks spirits turpentine, 55 bbls rosin, 76 bbls tar.

Smith's raft—511 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 289 bales; spirits turpentine, 31 casks; rosin, 777 bbls; tar, 221 bbls.

Acquitted of Both Charges.

Yesterday R. S. Garner was tried before Justice J. M. McGowan for two alleged offences, forgery and abduction. He was acquitted in both. The charge of forgery was that he presented what purported to be the written consent of his sweetheart's mother in order to get a marriage license from Register of Deeds Norwood. And the abduction case was for taking away from her mother's home and marrying his present wife, who, it is claimed is under age. She was a daughter of Mrs. S. H. Kure and Garner was at the time of the elopement an attache of Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's show.

The Dramatic Club.

The STAR is informed that the Wilmington Dramatic Club may give a performance soon after Easter for the benefit of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The Club has not given up its intention of making a tour of the State and are contemplating putting on a comedy which had a very extensive run in New York not a year ago.

Bound Over to Court.

In Justice John J. Fowle'rs court yesterday Walter Burns was placed under a bond of $50 for his appearance in the Criminal Court to answer the charge of an assault and battery upon Smith Shipman on the 15th. It appeared in evidence that Burns struck Shipman with a brick and knocked him down.

Will Be Tried To-day.

No cases were disposed of yesterday in the Mayor's Court. Andrew Morris, colored, was again called to answer the charge of stealing a bicycle as reported in a previous issue of the STAR. Owing to the absence of several important witnesses the case was continued until to-day.

U. S. ARTILLERISTS.

Battery I, of the Second Regiment Arrived Here Yesterday via the S. A. L.

FINE LOOKING SET OF MEN.

Left on the Steamer Wilmington for Fort Caswell—Heartily Cheered by Crowds of People Along the River Front.

Battery I, of the Second Regiment U. S. Artillery, arrived at about 12.30 o'clock over the Seaboard Air Line yesterday. In spite of the fact that the depot is a good way off, by the time the train pulled in there were several hundred people on the ground to see what heavy artillery is like. As the train approached and the campaign hats shading the sun-burned faces of the representatives of Uncle Sam's regular army were seen thrust out of the car windows, there was a thrill of enthusiasm that ran through the whole crowd.

Besides the artillerymen who were on the train, there were several gentlemen who went out to Navassa and returned with the soldiers. Among the number was Capt. Don MacRae, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, who repeated the invitation previously extended through Capt. W. E. Craighill, Corps of Enginers, U. S. A., offering the full liberty of the W. L. I. armory. The previous arrangement, however, was adhered to and the W. L. I. courtesies could not be accepted. At the depot awaiting the arrival of the train was Commander Geo. L. Morton, of the North Carolina Naval Battalion, accompanied by Lieutenant W. M. Atkinson, adjutant of the battalion. These paid their respects to Capt. Louis V. Caziarc, the officer in charge of Battery I, and expressed their willingness to render any assistance possible.

The crowd who had gathered to see the soldiers were not disappointed in their expectations. The artillerists are fine, sturdy fellows, well drilled in artillery tactics, under strict discipline, and in every way men who would impress almost any one as being able to fight bravely and hold out at it for a long time.

The troops number 48. This is not so many as it was first thought would come, but the smallness of the number is explained by the fact that nearly a dozen of the men were kept at the hospital sick with measles. There were enough, however, to warrant the assertion that Fort Caswell will be well defended.

Capt. Louis V. Caziarc is in command. The roll of the other officers and men follows:

First Sergeant—P. Harrigan.

Sergeants—M. Kenney, C. Flynn, G. Taylor.

Corporals—W. J. Heiseman, Herbert Johnson, Ellis Edwards, F. Krauss.

Musicians—Felse and McKuhns.

Artificers—Allen and Eldridge.

Privates—Askew, Bagby, Barnes, Bowen, Bridgman, Cobb, Cornwall, Garrett, Gossett, Harris, Hodge, Hodges, Holmes, Hopewell, Ivey, Jelks, Jolley, Johnson, Kennedy, Lewis, Moore, Mosten, Parker, Payne, Pearce, Phelps, Price, Robertson, Siebert, Smith (1), Smith (2), Smith (3), Watson, Weeden.

The battery was in the city for about four hours, but no one except Capt. Caziarc, who lunched with Capt. Craighill, came down town. Ten gallons of hot coffee, ordered by telegraph before the arrival of the train, were served the boys and after their long dusty ride they found it extremely refreshing. Sandwiches and other food were partaken of with a relish which showed that artillery service is likely to give one a good appetite.

About 3 o'clock, First Sergeant Harrigan had his men to don their overcoats, strap their knapsacks, canteens and other accoutrements on and march down to the Carolina Central wharf to wait for the *Wilmington*. The men carry Krug-Jorgensen rifles and sword bayonets in sheaths at their sides. They have no other arms. They are well acquainted with the use of disappearing guns.

The troops left on the steamer *Wilmington* at about 4.30 o'clock. The plan was to spend the night at Southport on board the boat and go over to the fort early this morning.

The train which brought the troops was in charge of Mr. H. S. Leard, of Raleigh, soliciting freight and passenger agent. It left two companies of artillery at Hamlet en route to Mobile and Savannah. One of them is Battery F, of the First Regiment, for Tybee, and the other is Battery I, of the First, for Fort Morgan. Battery I, of the Second Regiment, were in two passenger cars. There were in addition a coach for the use of the captain, and a car for baggage and provisions. A good part of the soldiers' effects came by freight.

Most of the soldiers are Tar Heels. One of them, Private Hopewell, was living in Wilmington about a year ago. Another, Private Bagby, is a son of the late Dr. Geo. K. Bagby, of Newbern. There were quite a number from Bertie and Hertford counties.

Almost a member of the company is "Jack," a fine little dog which the soldiers to a man are very fond of. They call him their "Mascot," and the man who harms him would fare but ill.

The Guns at Caswell.

In commenting on the arrrival of the battery of artillery to man Fort Caswell, it is interesting to inquire something as to the workings of the big guns which would be trained on a hostile ship if it should venture anywhere near the mouth of the Cape Fear. Admission to the fort and an examination of the defences are not allowed, but it is presumed that the arrangements are similar to all other disappearing batteries, a description of which in a general way follows:

To an observer on a ship within range of a fort carrying disappearing guns the fort is not visible. Anywhere in the long line of white sand which usually marks the shore may be concealed a nest of the death dealing machines which make modern warfare a thing to be dreaded. A more careful examination of some section of the long line of sand would reveal the stone emplacement which from a thickness of twenty or thirty feet at the top increases until at its foundation from one side to the other is a distance of over one hundred and twenty-five feet of solid masonry.

If a ball should be directed at the fort, it would, after penetrating the thick envelope of sand, strike the inclined plane of the emplacement and glance upward, in most probability without inflicting the slightest harm to anybody or anything.

But what happens in the fort when the enemy's ship comes into view? As a matter of fact, neither the chief gunner nor any of the battery ever see the ship, and yet they aim the gun at her and with mathematical accuracy. The mystery is explained by the fact that on either side of the fort, at a suitable distance, is a station for an observer, who is on a sharp lookout for approaching vessels. As soon as the observer sees the vessel, the exact location is communicated from both stations by telegraph or telephone to the gunner. He is enabled by the use of a chart to train his gun so that when it flies up above the stone wall it will be accurately aimed at the ship. The chart, of course, has previously to be studied with minute care by both the gunner and range finder. It is divided up with squares, each one representing a certain portion of the sea surface and bearing a definite designation.

Supposing that the range finders have located the vessel and communicate its position to the fort, in ten seconds a missile weighing three or four hundred pounds will be cleaving the air on its way to the unfortunate craft. All that the crew will see, if any of its number chances to be looking to that portion of the land line where the guns are located, will be a little cloud of smoke which the wind will soon clear away. Ordinarily, the gun rests on one end of a big spindle held completely out of sight of any person on board ship when not in use. A heavy weight on the other end but for an arrangement of compressed air would habitually hold the gun suspended to view above the top of the stone emplacement. When the gun is ready for firing the compressors are loosened, the weight on the end of the spindle flies down, the gun on the other end goes up, stopping in a position and at an angle previously determined, and an electrical circuit is established which causes the discharge. The recoil then throws the gun back, the automatic compressing arrangement holding it in its place out of view until it is ready for firing again.

NAVAL RESERVES.

Members of Wilmington Division to Visit Southport on a Pleasure Excursion.

Several members of the Naval Reserves were busy last night organizing a party of their number to go to Southport this evening on a pleasure excursion and spend Sunday. Up to a late hour thirteen had signified their intention to go and it was agreed to set sail at 7.30 o'clock on the new canvas sail-boat *Nantucket*.

While at Southport the boys will pay a visit to Fort Caswell, making a sort of military call upon the new soldiers. They expect to leave Southport on the homeward sail late Sunday evening.

Second boatswain's mate, F. S. Burr, will be in command of the "expedition," and the following members of the Reserves have already registered for the trip: Messrs. A. M. Parker, Jr., D. D. Barber, J. S. Lane, W. F. Furpless, S. K. DeVany, W. R. Middleton, M. L. Skipper, D. D. Hankins, P. G. White, William Huhn, H. L. LeGwin and F. H. Bagg.

Funeral of the Late Mr. Mintz.

The funeral of the late Mr. H. J. Mintz took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and the solemn services were conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, the pastor.

There were in attendance a large number of the friends of the deceased. Cape Fear Lodge I. O. O. F. assembled at their lodge and marched up to the residence, following the remains to the church and thence to Bellevue cemetery, where the interment was made. The funeral ceremony of the Odd Fellows was conducted by Mr. J. O. Powers, Noble Grand, and Mr. Jas. T. Riley, Chaplain. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. H. Strauss, J. F. Littleton, F. T. Skipper, W. R. Smith, S. H. Terry and W. R. Middleton.

A Fine Wild Turkey.

One of the finest wild turkeys seen here in a long time was shipped to Mr. J. B. Huggins yesterday and was on exhibition at the Palace Market. Larger ones have been seen but none with such fine plumage. It was shipped by Mr. A. J. Collins, Maysville.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT.

Will Adjourn To-day for the Term—Trial of Alex. Roan, Colored, for Assault and Battery.

The March term of New Hanover Criminal Court will adjourn to-day. It is the opinion of many intimate with the Court's business that the adjournment will be taken before noon. However that may be, there are now about fourteen cases on the docket not disposed of. Several of these will, however, have to be carried over because of the absence of witnesses, and other hinderances. All the jail cases have been tried.

The most interesting case on yesterday's docket is still pending, the jury having not as yet been able to agree upon a verdict. It is against Alex. Roan, colored, and charges him with assault and battery with deadly weapon upon Mr. W. F. Johnson on last Christmas day on the occasion of the serious cutting of Nick McDuffy by W. F. Johnson. The trial of Mr. Johnson for the latter offence is, by the way, expected to be called to-day.

It is charged by the prosecution in the Alex. Roan case that he struck Johnson during the affray with a paling. As before stated, the jury is unable to agree upon a verdict. In the trial the prosecution is assisted by attorneys Jno. D. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, and W. E. Henderson, colored, counsel for the defence.

Cases disposed of yesterday were as follows:

Robt. Logan, assault and battery with deadly weapon; not guilty.

Walter Burns, assault and battery; guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Thos. Brown, assault and battery; submitted; ninety days in the county house of correction.

Yesterday the Grand Jury visited the County Home and the City Hospital. The Jail and Court House had already been inspected. They will submit their final report to-day.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY

A Number of Valuable Additions Made to the New Museum in the W. L. I. Armory.

Yesterday afternoon there were quite a number of valuable additions to the new museum of the Daughters of the Confederacy. As previously announced in the STAR, a committee of ladies was there to receive and arrange donations that might be sent in by members and friends. Misses Mary F. Sanders and Hettie James were the ladies in charge.

Miss Maud Hall sent to the museum a full dress Confederate coat and a knife to which interesting stories attach. The coat is the one which the late Col. Edward D. Hall wore during the famous defence of Marye's height, and is literally riddled by bullets. The knife is an old barlow which was carried by Col. Hall during the war. After the Marye's height's engagement it was found in his breast pocket over his heart broken by a bullet which had struck and thereby turned it out of its course and saved his life.

Mrs. James Price presented a good picture of the steamer *Waterwitch* captured off Savannah by her late husband Capt. James Price, for which he was promoted. The commission issued to Capt. Price is also presented, but is to be framed before placed in the museum.

Among the most notable of yesterday's acquisitions are the sword, belt, hat and pocket-book of the late Capt. J. L. Litchfield, which were presented by his sister, Mrs. W. I. Gore, of this city. The strange story of their return, after thirty years, to Mrs. Gore, by Dr. Stonebreaker, of Maryland, was told in detail in an issue of the STAR bearing date of March 24th, 1896. A copy of the STAR is sent with the relic.

Two other highly prized donations are excellent likenesses of Lieutenants Thos. and James M. Cowan. These were presented by Major Henry Cowan.

There is to be an important meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy to-day at 4 P. M., and on next Friday a committee of ladies will again be at the armory to receive donations or loans.

HANOVER SEASIDE CLUB.

Plans for the New Club House at Carolina Beach.

The Executive Committee of the Hanover Seaside Club held an adjourned meeting yesterday and accepted the plans submitted by Mr. H. E. Bonitz. They show a two-story building 92 by 61 feet with double piazza on all sides. The first floor will have an auditorium 30x40 feet, a ladies parlor 12½x20 feet, a sitting room of the same size, also kitchen, lunch and dining rooms, toilet rooms, and pantry.

On the second floor will be found a billiard parlor 25x30 feet, a large sleeping room for gentlemen, cafe smoking, and card rooms. Two bathrooms, one for gentlemen and one for ladies, will be in the basement. This the the third club house that Mr. Bonitz has designed, the others having been the Clarendon and Sedgeley Hall. Composing the Executive Committee of the club are Messrs. C. F. Vonkampen, M. G. Tienken, J. G. L. Gieschen, M. Rathjen, E. P. Bailey, H. L. Vollers, and J. W. Duls. Messrs. C. F. Vonkampen, E. P. Bailey, and M. Rathjen are the committee on plans and specifications.

— Editor C. Edward Taylor, of the Southport *Standard*, spent yesterday in the city.

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Fight for the Postmastership—End of Negotiations for Lease of the A. & N. C. Railroad—State Farms.

Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 18.

There is no longer any doubt about the negotiations for the lease of the A. & N. C. road being off. The Governor's friends so admit.

Both Tom Bailey and John Nichols, the two leading factors in the fight for the Raleigh postmastership, are in Washington. Bailey has been claiming Pritchard's endorsement all the while. The announcement by Senator Pritchard that he has not decided whom he will recommend makes the situation one of interest. The President is expected to appoint within the next two weeks.

Though the soldiers for Fort Caswell and other Southern fortifications passed through here at two o'clock in the morning there were many people at the depot to see them. There were two batteries of artillery in addition to the one en route to Caswell. They go to Tybee Island, Ga., and Fort Morgan, Ala. The troops occupied eleven cars.

The Board of Directors decided late last night the amount and extent of the crops to be planted on the State farms this year. There will be 5,400 acres of cotton and 5,100 acres of corn. The exact amount of acreage is as follows:

Caledonia farm No. 1—Cotton, 1,100 acres; corn, 1,500 acres; oats, 175; wheat, 250.

Caledonia farm No. 2.—Cotton, 1,000 acres; corn, 1,000; oats, 250; wheat, 175.

Halifax farm—Cotton, 500 acres; corn, 100; oats, 1,000; wheat, 200.

Northampton farms—Cotton, 1,200 acres; corn, 1,300; oats, 100; wheat, 250.

Anson farm—Cotton, 700 acres, corn, 400; oats, 85; wheat, 54.

Tillery farm—Cotton, 900 acres; corn, 200; peanuts, 200.

Castle Haynes farm—600 acres corn; peanuts, 200; rice, 300.

Sugar cane will be on several of the farms.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. No services at night. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunningim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, Pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 10 a. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 6.45 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 p. m. All welcome. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner Market and Fifth streets, Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor. Service tomorrow 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially invited to all services.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

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This 12th day of February, 1898.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 19

IS THIS THE GAME?

The signs are increasing that the administration at Washington has been playing a well studied game to placate the American people and to bluff Spain, without any serious intention at any time of engaging in war unless the course of Spain left no possible way to avoid it. We have expressed the apprehension that at last after all this ado, this disposition of warships, this garrisoning of forts, torpedoing harbors, &c., it might resolve itself into a question of diplomacy, and the elimination of the independence of Cuba. We are not alone in this apprehension for there are others who not only entertain it but expect nothing else. Discussing the recent outcroppings the Atlanta *Constitution* concludes an editorial thus:

"It is now leaking out through the various subways of information that all the preparations that have been made—this forwarding of military and naval supplies hither and yonder, and this herding of our war vessels in the neighborhood of Cuba, have been undertaken for the purpose of compelling the Cubans to accept colonial autonomy. This is what the latest plan of the administration practically amounts to. Our own 'national honor,' which we have heard so much about from Republican and plutocratic sources, simply means the protection of the interests of foreign bankers and money lenders. The proposition now is to submit the questions involved in the Maine disaster to a board of international arbitration composed of the active agents of the foreign bankers, and we may be sure they will take care of our 'national honor.'

"There will be no war. War would mean the breaking of the link that binds or currency system to the gold standard. No matter how deeply our "national honor" may be involved in any dispute with Spain or any other foreign country, the foreign bankers and our native plutocrats maintain that in order to preserve our "national honor," the gold standard must be maintained. This is the reason that the administration, which they control, is determined to maintain peace, no matter what devious ways or dubious methods it is compelled to resort to."

The *Constitution* is a decidedly pro-Cuban paper, and has never believed that it was the intention of the administration to carry out in good faith its alleged intentions as to Cuba, or to carry out the pledges of the Republican party platform, but it has good grounds for the utterances in this quoted extract.

The Chicago *Times Herald*, edited by a man who is reputed to have the ear of the President, a short while ago was so extremely bellicose that it welcomed the prospect of war with Cuba, as the only way to put the free silver cause under a cloud, has so modified its tone as to now insist that the $50,000,000 appropriation by Congress was not a war measure but a peace measure, which is in one sense true, because one of the best ways in the world to maintain peace is to demonstrate the ability and willingness, if need be, to make war. Nations like men are very considerate about attacking opponents whom they may think it difficult to handle, and by whom they might stand a chance of being too roughly handled. But it was a war measure all the same and was so regarded when it was adopted. Other Republican papers have also sobered down very considerably in their editorials within the past week or so.

Much of the news now sent out from Washington, as emanating from some "member of the Cabinet" whose name must" not be mentioned," or from some prominent personage on free talking terms with the President, is sent out as feelers and to prepare the public for the contemplated change in the tactics—a change of scene from the prospective field of warships and guns to the field of diplomacy. The President himself is quoted as having said that he does not think war will be necessary and that the questions involved in the present complications with Spain can be peacefully settled.

Hon. Mark Hanna, who stands pretty close to President McKinley, has broken a somewhat protracted silence to say that he is not in favor of intervention by this Government nor of the independence or annexation of Cuba, for the reason that Cuba has not a population capable of self-government, and would give us a great deal of trouble. If Mark Hanna was making iron in Cleveland this talk might not amount to much, but as he is a Senator holding very close and peculiar relations to the President, it has much more than ordinary significance.

Hon. Charles H. Grosvenor, the most assertive and conspicuous of Ohio's Representatives in Congress, who is also very close to the President, expresses the unreserved opinion that there will be no war.

Some of the leading Republicans in Senate and House favor the speedy adjournment of Congress to avoid the possibility of some warm-headed statesman doing something to mar the plans which the administration, and those who have been supplying it with suggestions, have been making to negotiate a way out of the present mix without burning any powder.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* is an independent paper, edited on very conservative lines, and avoids as far as possible news of the sensational order, for which it does not believe there is good foundation. It has a very intelligent and well informed correspondent at Washington who exercises much discrimination in the news he sends out and seldom, if ever, relies on things caught on the fly. His object seems to be not to get there first all the time, but to get there correctly. Speaking of the contemplated programme to get Congress to adjourn, he says:

"The principal topic discussed today in the cloak rooms and corridors of the Capitol was the scheme to secure an early adjournment of Congress for the purpose of leaving the President free to settle the contention with Spain by diplomacy. This proposition is advocated by many Republican Senators and Representatives, and is given support by a number of influential Democrats. Within the past few days a very earnest feeling has developed against resort to hostilities, based upon the belief that a way can be found by diplomacy to reach an amicable and satisfactory settlement of the Maine disaster and the disposition of the insurrection in Cuba that will be agreeable to Spain and the United States and acceptable to the leaders of the insurrection. It is contended that such a result would be more easily accomplished if Congress was not in session, the fear being expressed that some action may be taken by that body that would not only defeat efforts of the President to bring about a satisfactory settlement, but that would be instrumental in precipitating the condition which it is desired to prevent. Behind this effort to secure an early adjournment for the purpose indicated, it is alleged, stands 'the money power' of this country and Europe, and that this potential influence is being used to operate upon the Madrid as well as the Washington Government. Among Republicans who are said to favor this scheme the names of Senators Elkins, Allison, Hanna and Aldrich, and Speaker Reed and his lieutenants in the House, are mentioned, and the conversation of these gentlemen justifies the belief that they are inclined that way."

But there is opposition to this among the Republicans in both Houses, who are opposed to adjournment before the Maine Court of Inquiry reports, which with the assistance of the Democrats who would support them could, as this correspondent thinks, defeat the programme.

It has been heretofore intimated that Mr. McKinley's plan to settle the Cuban question was to buy Cuba. How he proposes to buy it is indicated in the following extract from this letter.

"The proposed diplomatic negotiations, it is intimated, include a proposition for settling the war in Cuba by offering Spain a sum of money to grant independence, and that the United States is to guarantee the bonds in whole or in part. Such a proposition would be certain to encounter the most determined opposition from many Senators and Representatives from both sides, and little is hazarded in predicting that it would meet with overwhelming defeat. Although there can be no doubt that war with Spain would cost the United States in money, to say nothing of loss of life, a sum far in excess of $300,000,000, which is mentioned as the price to be paid for Cuban independence. But the friends of Cuba in Congress are averse to making its fate a matter to be determined by money considerations, and will insist that the Senate resolution recognizing belligerency shall be passed by the House unless the President takes a step in that direction which would make action on the resolution unnecessary. In any event there will be a vigorous opposition to adjournment until Congress shall be placed in possession of all facts bearing upon the cause of the Maine disaster, and until something is heard from the President in answer to the resolution calling for the reports of our Consuls in relation to the condition of affairs on the island."

In discussing the question of intervention some time ago we remarked that Spain might be satisfied with an offer of such indemnity as to cover the cost of the war, provided it were guaranteed by the United States. Fixing the proposed sum at $300,000,000 looks as if this might be in view, as this would be something more than the actual cost of the war to Spain.

Whether this is the contemplated programme or not it is quite apparent that there will be an effort made to patch up some sort of an arrangement with Spain and one by which there is reason to fear that Cuban liberty will but indirectly figure if it be not entirely ignored.

MINOR MENTION.

In relating the horrid story of Spanish barbarity in Cuba, as he saw it, a story all the more touching because of the impressive calmness and dignity—void of all attempt at dramatic effect—with which it was told, Senator Proctor did not essay to make an argument for intervention; but that blood-curdling statement was in itself one of the strongest arguments that has yet been made, one that appeals not only to the American people but to the world's humanity. We have heard much and read much of Spanish barbarity and brutality; we have seen the pictures drawn of starving and diseased women and children, the dying and the dead, and the buzzards devouring the dead in the presence of the emaciated living soon to become the prey of the buzzards, and he who saw and heard tells us that the most harrowing descriptions published fail to picture the sickening reality. But this narrative, which so strongly appeals to our common humanity, aside, the strongest opposition to intervention comes from those who assert that Cuba is populated by mixed races, ignorant, fractions, disposed to turbulence and unqualified for self-government. He answers this (without appearing to answer it), by showing that the mixed bloods do not constitute more than twenty-five per cent. of the population, and are decreasing in number, and that the native Cubans are more intelligent and better educated than the Spaniards on the island. This answers the objections on the score of the unfitness of the Cubans for self-rule, whilst he disposes of the autonomy question by the statement, after full observation and extensive inquiry, that the Spaniards do not want it and the Cubans will not have it.

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Great battleships, which cost millions, and are yet very vulnerable and easily destroyed, as has been several times shown, and recently by the destruction of the Maine, seem to be a fad among the nations, for every maritime nation has some and is building more. But all of our naval commanders are not infatuated with them. Rear Admiral Kirkland is one of these, who in a recent conversation is quoted as saying:

"If I had to decide how to spend part of that $50,000,000, I'd invest it not in ships, but in monitors and torpedoes. The battleship isn't what we want for the kind of service the United States requires. We could get two monitors for what one great battleship would cost, and we could be in two places at once and be twice as effective as with one battleship. As for torpedoes, I'd have not two or two dozen torpedo boats; I'd have 200.

"Your battleships can't dock at any place on the Pacific coast, except at Puget Sound. A torpedo boat can go all about the coast.

"A battleship has got to keep lights astern, amidship — everywhere she must herself be so lighted that she becomes a target, in order that she may see the enemy. The torpedo fleet which all silently and in the darkness approaches her is invisible. Let one of them get close enough, within half a mile or so of your big battleship, and the admiral, captain, cooks, galley, brass band and all will be sent to the bottom of the sea and nothing left of your $5,000,000 battleship but a bubble of water."

A few of these battleships may be desirable, but the time will come when there will be fewer of them than there are now and the nations will equip themselves with something more effective and less costly.

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Senator Butler was not present at the late Populist conference in Raleigh, but his lieutenants were there and he got his work in. The resolutions adopted were drafted, it is said, by his friend and associate editor, Hal Ayer, and these resolutions give notice that "every effort to create discord hereafter will be an object of grave suspicion." This is a swipe direct at *Hayseeder* S. Otho Wilson and others who have shown a disposition to kick against the dictation and party manipulation of Senator Butler, who is making a desperate effort to hold his grip on the machine. The vote by which the resolutions were adopted—46 to 26—shows that the conference was not as harmonious as a birthday party, and that there were even there a pretty large sized contingent of prospective spoils pursuers who were not infatuated with the Butler-Ayer-Russell regime—Russell standing in the background. We will hear more of this conference and its resolutions later on, when Hon. S. Otho puts on some more of his war-paint and has time to gather and hold counsel with his braves.

Heretofore the Jersey mosquito has been the champion sucker of this country, but the discovery of the Yukon mosquito has added to the list a hustler beside which the Jersey hummer shows as a dwarf, and beside whose assertive energy the Jersey buzzer moves snail paced. The Yukonist is a terror before which men quail and the wild beast of the forest flees in terror. The only living thing that isn't afraid of it is the fish in deep water. This mosquito can do about everything but swim and dive.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Wilson *Advance*: In sinking an artesian well at Rocky Mount a strata of shall was struck after the drill had passed through over a hundred feet of solid rock.

— Raleigh *Post*: The Governor yesterday granted a pardon to W. S. Miller, convicted of manslaughter at the spring term, 1895, of Iredell Superior Court, and sentenced to ten years in the State prison.

— Salisbury *Truth*: A rich vein of gold bearing ore has been recently discovered on the land of R. J. Shaver near Gold Hill. — The Meadow Stock Farm has received more fine Jerseys. It is worth a visit to see this fine herd of Jerseys.

— Oxford *Ledger*: At Creedmoor, on Sunday night, a colored child, only one day old, was found in a tobacco barn, its body covered thinly with dirt. Suspicion pointed very strongly to foul play on the part of the mother, Lorena Lyon. The coroner and jury, after examining three witnesses, rendered the following verdict, to-wit: "That the child came to its death by imprudence and roughness of Lorena Lyon, its mother." The woman was committed to jail. She says the child was born alive, but died from the effects of a fall at its birth.

— Greenville *Reflector*: For some time an old discarded omnibus has been standing on the Congleton lot near the corner of Third and Reade streets. This afternoon some children started to play in the bus, and upon opening the door found a dead man in it. They informed some grown people who went to make an examination of the body, which proved to be Lumus Peyton, a colored man. Lumus has for some time been a prominent worthless character around town and it seems that he had been using the old bus as a sleeping place. It is supposed that he died during last night.

— Dunn *Union*: Our farmers are making preparations for another large crop this year. The acreage in cotton will be reduced some, and more effort given to bread stuff and home supplies. The stands of wheat, of which there is probably more planted than ever before through this section, is said to be excellent and the plants looking healthy and fine. — We learn by telephone from Dr. J. F. McKay that Jake Turlington, an old negro man who lives near W. T. Dupree, Esq., was found dead in the field Wednesday afternoon, where he had been plowing. The old man was crippled right badly from rheumatism, but was in usual health at dinner, when he went off to his ploughing. It is supposed that he died of heart failure.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood, Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

TWINKLINGS.

— Not His Fault: "Fweddy, why don't you let your moustache grow?" "Why don't I let it? Good heavens, deah boy, I do; but it won't."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— After Talent—"That theatrical manager acts as if he wanted the earth." "But he doesn't. He merely wants a few stars."—*Browning, King & Co.'s Monthly.*

— Old Farmer—"That's a fine lot of pigs over there. What do you feed them?" Amateur—"Why, corn, of course." Old Farmer—"In the ear?" Amateur—"Certainly not; in the mouth."

— He—"I'd like to see that sixteen inch gun which is being made for the defence of New York harbor." She—"So would I. I had no idea that any of those guns were so short."—*Truth.*

— A Prerequisite: First Citizen—"It was an outrage for De Lome to express such sentiments." Second Citizen—"Yes, indeed! If a foreigner wants to say things like that about the President he ought to take out naturalization papers."—*Puck.*

— Doctor—"I wish you would tell those deaf mutes to stop talking; the noise disturbs me." Attendant—"Why, how can they make a noise when they talk with their fingers?" Doctor—"Well, don't actions speak louder than words?"

— Modesty—"It seems harder for men to be really great nowadays than it was years ago," said the student of history. "That's very true," replied Senator Sorghum; "very true, indeed. But I am inclined to think we get better paid for it nowadays."—*Washington Star.*

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

— It is all very well for President McKinley to take plenty of time in making up his mind what to do, but it is hoped that the decision will come before the roads get good. While a condition of uncertainty exists one cannot tell just what to buy—a bicycle or a gun.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Senator Proctor witnessed the Spanish fighting in Cuba, and it seem to have reminded him of the Republican party's war on trusts.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

— No commerce destroyers could be more effective than have been our absurd Navigation laws, which in cutting down our merchant fleets have so thinned the ranks of seafaring men that the government cannot get a sufficient number now to man the war ships which it has already built, to say nothing of the new vessels which it has bought.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— The Postoffice Department is so well pleased with the result of its experiments in free rural delivery that it is arranging for a wide extension of its operations, and expects to have the benefits of the system at the service of 10,000,000 people within five years. In this connection, it would be well for the dwellers in rural districts to remember that the extension will move, like water, along the lines of least resistance—it will go best along good roads.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Effect of Injuries to Plants.

According to an English authority, when a plant is bruised or injured in any way a condition arises which exactly corresponds to what we term fever. The rate of respiration increases, and the temperature of the parts affected is considerably raised. The disturbance has its period of increase, reaches a climax and subsides as does ordinary fever. Indeed the increase in temperature is quite as great as if not greater than in animals. This opens a wide field for investigation and discussion, and one which will be followed up by lovers of nature and its very interesting phenomena.—New York Ledger.

The Largest Workhouse.

To the city of Liverpool must be awarded the somewhat doubtful distinction of having the biggest workhouse in the world. This huge institution has ample accommodation for 5,000 inmates, which, happily, is scarcely ever needed at one time.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. The medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purly vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 19, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Emma S, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
John H Tingue, 488 tons, Rhodes, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Isaac P Campbell, 557 tons, Stevens, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
D J Sawyer, 288 tons, Kelley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Joel Cook, 381 tons, Frazier, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Sarah D Rawson, 292 tons, French, Jas T Riley & Co.
Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Yearby (Br) 1665 tons, Goldsworthy, Alex Sprunt & Son.
Kimon (Austrian), 1,244 tons, Saha, Powers, Gibbs & Co.
Cambay (Br), 1693 tons, Rees, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Ruth (Nor), 445 tons, Olsen, Alex Sprunt & Son.
Broderene (Nor), 631 tons, Kildahl, Heide & Co.

Low Prices in

Tinware, Stoves and Hardware

of all kinds is what dealers are looking for that have an eye to business. They will do well to inspect the values that we are offering in these lines and the prices that we are quoting just now on Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Ranges and Agricultural Implements of all kinds before purchasing elsewhere.

OUR PENINSULAR STEEL RANGES

must be seen to be appreciated, and it will be a pleasure for us to show you their construction and management. A fine and varied line of Cooking and Heating Stoves constantly on hand at low down prices. Try us and we will convince you.

Our lines of general Hardware, Cutlery, Brass goods, &c., are complete in each department.

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EASTER EGG DYES,
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any everything else pertaining to the Drug business.

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Easy to say, but how shall I do it?

In the only common sense way—keep your head cool, your feet warm and your blood rich and pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

In the Spring Then all your nerves, muscles, tissues and organs will be properly nourished. Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the system, creates an appetite, tones the stomach and gives strength. It is the people's Spring Medicine, has a larger sale and effects more cures than all others.

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contains no cocaine, mercury nor any other injurious drug.

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ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York. Secretary.

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Her Simple Little Sister.

Little 5-year-old Jennie's mother had gone to church, leaving her and her baby sister with their grandmother. After awhile grandma got weary and put the baby to bed. Then she suggested that it would be nice if Jennie also would retire.

"I don't want to yet, grandma," said the little girl.

"But see how nicely little sister has gone to sleep," grandma urged.

"Oh, well," replied Miss Jennie, "she ain't old enough yet to realize that it's not dark!"—Cleveland Leader.

Putting Off.

How mankind defers from day to day the best it can do and the most beautiful things it can enjoy without thinking that every day may be the last one and that lost time is lost eternally!—New York Ledger.

CASTORIA.

The fac simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¾
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	53
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	9	@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	19 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ half barrel		@	6 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 50
Straight		@	5 25
First Patents	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	48	@	50
Car load, in bags—White	47	@	48
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Shipstuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	32 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	13 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	62
Lisbon		@	
American		@	62
On 100 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Grass'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ foot—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	3
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing at opening of market. Sales later at 30 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 29½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, steady, 26½c. 26c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $4.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	31
Rosin	777
Tar	221
Crude Turpentine	0

Receipts same day last year.—17 casks spirits turpentine, 24 bbls rosin, 119 bbls tar, 27 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5¾c per pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 3 5-16 cts. ℔ lb
Good Ordinary 4½ " "
Low Middling 5 5-16 " "
Middling 5¾ " "
Good Middling 6 " "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—289 bales; same day last year, 97.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended March 18, 1898.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
2,533	349	4,859	1,965	24

RECEIPTS.

For week ended March 19, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
246	208	3,344	1,149	66

EXPORTS.

For week ended March 18, 1898.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	34	434	179	385	89
Foreign	00	000	4,965	000	00
	34	434	5,144	385	89

EXPORTS.

For week ended March 19, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	629	361	190	1,854	000
Foreign	000	000	15,985	900	000
	629	361	16,195	2,254	000

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat March 18, 1898.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	10,797	7,704	18,501
Spirits	1,370	5	1,375
Rosin	29,966	1,104	31,070
Tar	10,813	850	11,663
Crude	110	000	110

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat March 19, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
12,854	403	20,127	7,390	371

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Money on call was easy at 1¼@1¾ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady; actual business in bankers' bills 483¼@484 for demand and 480¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 481½@482½ and 484½@485½. Commercial bills 480@480¾. Silver certificates 55@55¾. Bar silver 55. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds were weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 122; do. coupon, 122; U. S. 4's 109¼; do. coupon, 111; U. S. 2's, 98½; U.S. 5's, registered, 111½;

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, *of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *the same that has borne and does now* Chas. H. Fletcher *on every bear the fac-simile signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. This is the original* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.* LOOK CAREFULLY *at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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OUR LITTLE BOY 'AT'S GONE.

A sight of help he was, our little boy 'at went
Pudgin around with little trousers on,
But what was more than all his workin meant
He seemed to be our sunshine. Now he's gone.
He'd take the cattle to the fields at morn,
An seems I hear his tiny whistle now
As I go out an walk about the barn
Or take the team afield an try to plow.

About the house he kept a sight of noise,
Singin or trampin at his boyish will.
It did not seem, with health jest like my boy's,
His voice could hush so quick an be so still.
But he weren't sick much 'more'n a week, I believe,
An kept his little sufferin during all,
An didn't grumble 'cause he had to leave,
But lay there still, like list'nin for a call.

That evenin that I never will forget
He lay beside the winder an looked out.
I'd sorter hoped 'at God 'nd spare him yet,
An give us back his noisy step and shout.
But suddenlike he gazed intent ahead,
While crooned the katydids jest out the door,
An—"Angels, mammy! See 'em, pap!" he said,
An then was still an never said no more.

Now, sometimes, standin by the meadow bars
Waitin the cows, all lonesome an forlorn,
The heavens twinklin with the cur'ous stars,
The breeze a-whistlin in the rustlin corn,
I wush the rustle was of angels' wings,
The stars the guiding lamps of seraphs come
To waft us after all our sorrowin's
Where we'n our boy will be again at home.
—Will T. Hale in Current Literature.

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BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONTAINED in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Lelia G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M, offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 25th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR.,

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The Simple Means by Which Great Things Have Been Done.

Dr. William H. Wollaston rendered many services to science. He was the first to detect the Fraunhofer lines in the solar spectrum and to demonstrate the identity of galvanism and frictional electricity.

One day a visitor from a foreign country called upon the doctor and asked to be shown the laboratory where so many valuable discoveries had been made. The doctor conducted his visitor to a small room in which there was no furniture except a table. On the table was an old tea tray containing a small balance, a blowpipe, some test papers and a few watch glasses.

"This room," said Dr. Wollaston, "is my laboratory, and on that tea tray are all of my work tools."

Everybody knows that Benjamin Franklin, the eminent American statesman and philosopher, robbed the thundercloud of its lightning by means of a kite and a silk handkerchief.

A celebrated English engraver, Thomas Bewick, drew his first sketches with common chalk upon the walls of the little cottage in which he lived. The far famed chemist Julius Stockhardt learned the art of combining colors by closely studying the wings of many butterflies.

Dr. Joseph Black, a chemist of note, discovered latent heat by using as tools a pan of water and two thermometers. Sir David Wilkie, the renowned painter, for his first work made use of a barn door and a charred stick for want of canvas and pencil.

John Opie was called "the Cornish wonder" because of his great skill in portraiture. He was asked one day by what wonderful process he mixed his colors.

"I mix them with my brains," answered the painter.

Benjamin West, a well known American painter, manufactured his first brush out of a cat's tail. Sir Isaac Newton unfolded the composition of light and the origin of color by means of a sheet of pasteboard, a prism and a lens. Out of an anatomist's syringe, which by accident came into his possession, Watt, the great British engineer and mechanical inventor, constructed his first model of the condensing steam engine.

Demosthenes resolved to become an orator, and in order to carry out his resolve it was necessary for him to overcome some serious obstacles. His manners were awkward, his breath short and his voice stammering and indistinct. He did not attend a school of oratory, nor did he have a private tutor, but we are told that he first shaved one side of his head only, so as to make it impossible for him to go into society, and thus divert himself from his purpose. Then, to overcome the defect in his speech, he adopted the practice of speaking with pebbles in his mouth, and that he might be able to make himself heard in the tumult of popular assemblies he declaimed hour after hour upon the seashore. To observe and correct his awkward gestures he spent much time practicing before a mirror. Thus, by patience and perseverance, he became the greatest orator of antiquity.

Bernard Palissy, the French potter, chemist and enameler, had but little indeed to work with when making his first experiments, but in spite of poverty, religious persecution and many other impediments he pursued with untiring energy the art of pottery, glass painting and enameling and became one of the first artists of the French renaissance.

To these names scores of others might be added of persons that have climbed high on the ladder of fame by making a right use of whatever tools or means were within their reach, by a healthful, praiseworthy desire to excel and by "keeping everlastingly at it."—Philadelphia Times.

It is a mark of the soundest wisdom not to pry into a secret, and, when found, of the purest honesty not to reveal it.

The late Lord Tennyson looked upon "Cymbeline" as one of the loftiest evidences of Shakespeare's genius.

A man twists a ring around a woman's finger, and then she twists him around her finger.—Exchange.

To See the Back of Your Eye.

Behind the eye, what is called the retina, is lined with branching blood vessels, and a curious but perfectly simple experiment will enable you to see these. Place yourself in a dark room, opposite a dark colored wall; then light a candle, and, holding it in your hand, move it up and down before your eyes, all the time looking, not at the candle, but at the wall beyond.

After a little practice you will see, appear on the wall a great branching figure in black on a reddish surface. What you are looking at is the shadow of these blood vessels at the back of your own eye. Perhaps the most curious part of the whole thing is that the part of the eye which receives the impression of light must lie behind these blood vessels.—London Answers.

Only a Stick.

Here is another "sorry he spoke" young man. He was on an overcrowded Nantasket steamer, and, turning to a young lady, who was leaning heavily against him, he said:

"Excuse me, but do you take me for a post?"

"Oh, no," she replied, with a true Bostonese glance; "nothing more than an ordinary stick."—Boston Courier.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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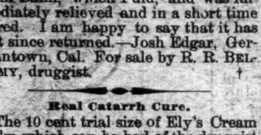

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For a month or two, or order a few crates of the water.

Read the following letter from Judge Thos. H. Sutton:

Hon. Thomas H. Sutton, of N. C., Judge of First N. C. Criminal Court, says:

TARBORO, N. C., Nov. 3, 1897.

H. E. THOMPSON, Prop. Jackson Springs, West End, N. C.:

MY DEAR SIR—Your letter of 31st ult. received. In reply I take pleasure in saying that I spent two weeks at Jackson Springs in August of the present year. I was very feeble when I arrived there, suffering from Dyspepsia, and was not able to go from the hotel to the Spring, but after two weeks at the Springs I received beneficial effects from the curative power of its waters, and verily believe that these waters, springing out of the deep sand section of Moore County saved my life, or at least prolonged it to this day.

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$5	" " "	4785
$10	" " "	9570
$15	" " "	14355

☞ *STEP BY STEP YOU GO A LONG WAY.* ☜

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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Feb. 18th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$572,903 10	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	21 86	Surplus	80,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,000 00	Undivided profits	15,913 11 — 73,913 11
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	36,000 00
Due from other Banks	$109,167 71	Total Deposits	693,455 16
Cash on hand	67,274 55 — 276,442 31		
Total	$899,367 27	Total	$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, '98.
Total Deposits	$607,000	$650,000	$693,000
Surplus and Net Profits	54,800	64,500	75,900
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. mar 6 tf

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Schedule in Effect Jan. 25, 1898.

TO ALL POINTS

North, South and Southwest.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 8:30 p. m., leaves Lumberton 5:36 p.m. Pembroke 5:46 p. m., Maxton 6:19 p. m., Laurinburg 6:38 p. m. Hamlet 6.53 p. m. Connects at Hamlet with train 43 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 409 for Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:35 a. m., Raleigh 3:34 p. m., Sanford 5:03 p. m., Hamlet 6:53 p. m., Rockingham 7:30 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 3:45 a. m., and Atlanta 5:30 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points, Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:56 p. m., Portsmouth 9:48 p. m., leaves Weldon 11:38 p. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Sanford 3:35 a. m., Hamlet 5:10 a. m., Rockingham 5:28 a. m., Wadesboro 5:54 a. m., Monroe 6:48 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:30 a. m., Shelby 11:18 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p. m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:18 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:45 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m. Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m. Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 8:16 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:55 p. m., Lincolnton 6:36 p. m., Charlotte 8:26 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:05 p. m., Hamlet 11:23 p. m., Sanford 1:02 a. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:20 a. m., Richmond 8:00 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:50 a. m.

Train 37—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 a. m., arrives Cheraw 10:00 a. m. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 p. m., arrives Hamlet 6:20 p. m.

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T. J. ANDERSON, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

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JOHN GILL, RECEIVER.

Condensed Schedule.

In Effect January 23rd, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 30 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 23 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line; at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad; at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11:08 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:40 p. m., Tarboro 2:21 p. m., Weldon 4.23 p. m., Petersburg 6.23 p. m., Richmond 7:35 p. m., Norfolk 6.05 p. m., Washington 11:20 p. m., Baltimore 1:06 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 8:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:53 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:35 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:37 p. m., Weldon 1:40 a. m., †Norfolk 10:50 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:03 a. m., Philadelphia 11:36 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:18 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 39—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:00 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41 p. m., Marion 6:48 p. m., Florence 7:25 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:18 a. m., Atlanta 12:25 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 5:35 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., †New York 3:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m.; Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:03 a. m., Norfolk 8:40 a. m., Weldon 11:32a. m., Tarboro 12:12 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:07 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:39 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4:44 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:00 p. m., Baltimore 1:25 p. m., Washington 3:40 p. m., Richmond and 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:30 p. m., Weldon 9:45 p. m., †Tarboro 6:01 p. m., Rocky Mount 6:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 8:28 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 A. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:27 p. m. Jacksonville 7:40 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 5.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:30 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:22 p. m., Sumter 8:12 a. m., Florence 9:38 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

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H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.

T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager feb 7 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 08	.....
5 35	4 23	Kinston	10 19	9 10
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City	7 43	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 8.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 8.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 19

COTTON CROP MOVEMENT.

The Supply Brought Into Sight So Far the Present Season is 10,001,972 Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—The most interesting feature in Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement, issued to-day, is that it shows more cotton marketed during the six months and eighteen days that have elapsed of this season than has ever been moved in any year known to the history of the trade. In round figures, 9,975,900 bales, have been brought into sight this season, while the largest commercial crop heretofore recorded (that of 1894-'5) was 9,901,009 bales, the next largest crop was 9,038,000 in the year 1891-2, and the third largest was 8,758,000 in 1896-7.

The movement into sight for the past week compared with the seven days ending this date last year in round figures shows an increase of 81,000 bales, an increase over the same days, year before last, of 99,000 and over the same time in 1895 of 13,000.

For the eighteen days of March the total shows an increase over last year of 197,000, an increase over the same period year before last of 253,000 and over 1895 of 113,000.

For the 199 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 199 days of last year 2,105,000, ahead of the same days year before last 3,695,000 and of 1895 by 1,046,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 171,061 against 90,506 for the seven days ending this date last year, 72,058 year before last and 157,785 same time in 1895 and for the 18 days of March it has been 455,150 against 258,294 last year, 202,373 year before last and 242,520 same time in 1895. These make the total movement for the 199 days from September 1st to date 9,975,418 against 7,870,391 last year, 6,280,637 year before last and 8,929,435 same time in 1895.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 7,825,573 against 6,231,011 last year; 4,671,172 year before last and 7,138,796 same time in 1895; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills 762,778 last year; 704,204 year before; 935,917 same time in 1895. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 362,665 against 175,215 last year; 281,169 year before last and 287,215 same time in 1895; southern mill takings, exclusive of consumption at southern outports 734,967 against 700,867 last year, 624,092 year before last and 577,504 same time in 1895.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 10,001,972 against 8,208,940 for the same period last year

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Postoffice Appropriations Under Consideration—Conference Report on Agricultural Bill Agreed To.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The House spent another day on the Postoffice appropriation bill but only disposed of two pages of it. Most of the day was devoted to a debate on the merits of the pneumatic tube mail service in New York, Boston and Philadelphia and the advisability of continuing the existing contract. An effort to strike out the appropriation of $225,000 was defeated but the opponents of the appropriation succeeded in securing the adoption of an amendment providing that no additional contracts should be made, An amendment was adopted making it a misdemeanor for any person to "pad" the mails during the period when the mails are being weighed to determine the compensation to be paid to the railroads for their transportation. The amendment was recommended by the department. The conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill was agreed to. At five o'clock the House adjourned until to-morrow.

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COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, March 18th, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending March 18:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	144,675	66,336
Total receipts to this date.....	7,718,417	6,122,409
Exports for week..	170,729	82,998
Total exports to date.....	5,813,443	4,897,759
Stock in all U. S. ports	1,002,783	777,382
Stock at all interior towns.....	427,057	283,394
Stock in Liverpool,	1,214,000	1,349,000
American afloat for Great Britain...	210,000	115,000

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THE SITUATION IN WASHINGTON.

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TALKED OVER BY CABINET.

New Naval Policy Approved—Emergency Preparations Continued—Military Bill Will Be Passed Through Congress Speedily.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—An air of suspense was noticeable in the Navy Department to-day, due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the Court of Inquiry. It is not known just when the document will come to Washington. All that is known definitely is that the President has suggested that the report be made as soon as possible, and in consequence it is expected to reach this city in the course of two or three days. The cabinet to-day talked over the matter and the time stated was the general opinion of the members when they heard all that Secretary Long had to report on the subject. There is an impression that Lieutenant Commander Marix will bring the document, though it is within Admiral Sicard's power to choose any other officer. A cabinet officer expressed the belief that the report will require careful consideration on the part of the President and his cabinet before being given to the public, which would seem to postpone publication to some time about the middle of next week, although nothing is certain on that point.

The New Naval Policy

embodied in the creation of another squadron to rendezvous at Hampton Roads was also discussed at the Cabinet meeting at length to-day and received unanimous approval. In fact, some surprise was expressed at the delay on the part of the Navy Department in taking some such step to ensure the protection of the many coast ports along the North Atlantic, the gathering of a uselessly surplus fleet at Key West being regarded as in the nature of putting all of our eggs in one basket.

The New Warships.

The San Francisco reported her arrival from Lisbon at Gravesend today. Under his orders the commander will divide his crew with the Amazonas and sail at the earliest possible moment for the United States, convoying the new ship. Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship Abreuall and the Mayflower, no purchases of ships have been made by the Navy Department. A number of steamships owned in the United States are being offered to the Department and it is probable that some of these will be purchased. Secretary Long takes the view that failing to secure the torpedo boat destroyers he wants, the best plan is for him to equip some of these speedy boats with torpedo tubes and light batteries and improvise torpedo boats. The Navy Department is convinced that the Spanish Government has not acquired possession of the Varese, the Italian armored cruiser. It would not, however, be a matter of deep concern if the report were true. The department itself had the vessel in mind as a possible acquisition, but abandoned the idea upon learning that she could not be made ready for service in less than three or four months, which practically put her out of consideration as an emergency purchase.

The gunboat Newport reported her arrival by cable to the Navy Department from Greytown. She will bring back to the United States the Nicaraguan Canal Commission and then will be attached at once to the North Atlantic squadron.

Activity in Naval Circles.

Some idea of the activity prevailing in naval circles is given by the statement that the pay roll of the construction department, only one of several departments in the Mare Island navy yard, for March, was $80,000. This great expenditure per month, it is said, was not equalled during the late war.

The amount paid for the Mayflower was about $400,000.

Recruiting is going on apace at all stations for the army and navy.

The Marblehead is at Tampa. The little Bancroft, on her way across the ocean, reported by cable her arrival to-day at Horta, Fayal. She appears to be making about as good time as her larger consort, the Helena. The Samoset arrived at Key West to-day, as did the Montgomery, while the Detroit sailed from that port for Tortugas. The Machias has arrived at Boston, where she will have slight repairs made.

No official notice of the stoppage of the Spanish torpedo boat flotilla at the Canary Islands and their turning back from that point has reached our Government as yet, so that any assumption that the movements of that flotilla have influenced the Navy Department to withdraw the fleet at Key West is said to be purely without basis of fact.

The Navy Department by no means has suspended its efforts to obtain possession of desirable warships abroad and in no direction is there visible any relaxation of the steadily pursued purpose of the Navy and War Departments to provide for the defence of the country against hostile attack.

The Battalion Military Bill.

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, said to-day that it was the intention to get through Congress as speedily as possible the three battalion military bill which was introduced at the suggestion of the department in both houses yesterday for strengthening the military arm of the service and providing for its increase to 104,000 men if necessary.

The Vesuvius.

The report that the Vesuvius had been sighted early in the day coming through the Virginia capes headed for Washington, gave rise to the rumor that she was bringing the report of the Naval Board of Inquiry to Washington. This, however, could not be confirmed from any official source. At the Navy Department it was admitted that the Vesuvius was bound for Washington but it was explained that she was coming merely for repairs to her armament and it was denied that she had on board any member of the naval board or that she was carrying the report of that body.

The Vesuvius did not reach Washington to night, but it was reported at the navy yard that she anchored off the government proving grounds at Indian Head about 8 o'clock, where she was met by the big navy yard tug Triton, which returned to the yard about 9 p. m. It was denied that the Triton brought any one from the Vesuvius to Washington.

Secretary Long went to bed at 9 o'clock with strict orders not to be disturbed, and Assistant Secretary of State Day spent the evening at the theatre, stopping for a few minutes only at the White House, where he had a talk with the President in the presence of the other members of the family.

Spain's Torpedo Flotilla.

The Navy Department has the following list of the Spanish torpedo flotilla now halted at the Canary islands:

Torpedo boat destroyers Terror, Furor and Pluton, each of 380 tons and a speed of 28 knots. Torpedo boats Azon, 127 tons, 25 knots; Ragor, 120 tons, 22 knots; Ariste, 128 tons, 25 knots, and Cuidad de Cadiz, 120 tons and 22 knots.

THE CRUISER AMAZONAS.

Formal Transfer of the New Warship From the Brazilian Flag to the Stars and Stripes.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

GRAVESEND, ENGLAND, March 18.—The cruiser Amazonas, built by the Armstrongs for Brazil and purchased by the United States, was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the Stars and Stripes shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was simple and dignified, and to the Brazilian officers it was somewhat pathetic.

Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attache, accompanied by Ensign Roberts, Assistant Engineer McMorriss and Cousul General Osborne, arrived on board shortly before 11 A. M. The chief officer of the coasting yard and a number of customs officers, all in uniform, were already on board. Lieutenant Commander Colwell and his party were received by Commander Corres, Lieutenant Commander Colwell saluting.

Commander Corres said: "Captain, I have here a contract of sale of which you are a witness and whereby this vessel is to be transferred to me, in behalf of the United States."

Commander Corres replied through an interpreter, saying: "In handing over the ship I desire to say that it is done with the sincere friendship of Brazil."

Lieutenant Commander Colwell, saluting, replied: "In behalf of the United States, I thank you for the sentiment."

In the centre of the circle of officers of both nations, Lieutenant Commander Colwell then faced the Brazilian flag flying from the cruiser's stern, and as the officers bared their heads, the flag of Brazil was hauled down at 11.30 A. M., after which, facing about with their heads still uncovered, "Old Glory" was run up at the main.

The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived here at 3.30 P. M. Passing the Amazonas, after saluting Tilbury fort, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," with the crew standing at "attention."

Commander Howell, who was received by Lieutenant Commander Colwell the moment the San Francisco reached her moorings, ordered 600 tons of coal for the San Francisco and 300 tons for the Amazonas, which is coaling and is expected to complete that work on Monday, when she will go to Hole Haven to take on board her ammunition, which is waiting for her there. Thence the Amazonas sails, presumably, for Key West; the San Francisco going to New York. Commander Nazro takes command of the Amazonas, and seven other officers of the San Francisco will accompany him. Stokers and some seamen will be shipped here.

THE TRADE SITUATION CONTINUES SATISFACTORY.

Best Reports Come from the Central West and Northwest—Large Exports—Fewer Failures.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: The aggregate volume of the country's business continues sufficiently large to allow of favorable comparisons with past periods alike in this and in preceding years. Aside from a quieting in demand at a few leading Eastern markets, where uncertainty as to the outcome of foreign complications is advanced as a reason for unwillingness to embark in new business, the situation is one possessing nearly all of the favorable features noted for some time past. The best reports as to distribution in leading lines come from the central West and the Northwest. Favorable weather has improved distribution of dry goods, clothing, millinery, building materials, agricultural implements and nearly all other products forming staple articles of consumption among the prosperous farming community. The movement of iron and steel is especially large, but without effect on prices, which are generally very firmly held. Some slight advances in pig iron, in fact, have been a feature of the week at some markets.

Other favorable features of the country's general trade situation are summed up in liberal shipments of leading cereals, unprecedented totals of exports at New York, fewer business failures and slightly larger bank clearings. Prices have moved irregularly during the week. The position of print cloths is a very depressing one, prices during the past week reaching the lowest quotation on record. While low grade cottons have been weak, the medium and fine grades have, however, maintained prices, as have also coffee, sugar, molasses, iron and copper and raw wool.

Business failures in the United States this week number 233, as against 247 last week, 231 in the corresponding week of 1897, 300 in 1896 and 352 in 1895. Business failures in the Dominion of Canada number 23, against 31 last week, 36 in this week of 1897, 40 in 1896 and 1895, and 41 in 1894.

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CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

The Maine Court of Inquiry Has Not Yet Completed the Task Before It.

IS STILL HARD AT WORK.

Captain Sampson Unable to Say When Report Can Be Made—Knows Nothing of a Preliminary Report to Washington.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 18.—The Court of Inquiry is diligently continuing its sessions on board the battleship Iowa and, judging from statements made by members, it is quite problematical how many more days will pass before the public learns its conclusions.

By the courtesy of Rear Admiral Sicard the correspondent of the Associated Press was to-day enabled to escape the rigor of the recent rule, forbidding correspondents to go on board warships and was the first civilian to interview the members of the Court of Inquiry since they secreted themselves on Wednesday on the Iowa.

Captain Sampson received the correspondent on the poop of the splendid ship he commands. In the Admiral's cabin below were Captain Chadwick, Lieutenant Commander Potter and Judge Advocate Marix. They had been in session since 10 o'clock this morning with the ship's writer acting as clerk.

"The court is still hard at work," Captain Sampson said. "I have just left my conferees. If I surmised the date and you reported it, I am afraid something might occur that would defeat the expectation and only serve to disappoint the anxious public. When the report is ready, it will not be for us to make the announcement. Washington, I presume, will do that."

Preliminary Report.

If a preliminary report has been sent to Washington, Captain Sampson apparently knew nothing of it. In the course of the afternoon, while the court continued in session without once coming out of the cabin, large quantities of ammunition were taken on board. The same took place on the New York. Both ships are now better supplied with ammunition than they have been at any time before.

At four o'clock this afternoon the regular hour during previous sessions of the court for adjournment, Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Potter entered a gig and were rowed to the New York. Judge-Advocate Marix if staying on board the Iowa. The court will resume its session to-morrow.

Unusual precautions are observed on the New York and Iowa, double harbor watches being enforced. Every craft that psases on its way into the harbor is submitted to the closest scrutiny of search lights. Both vessels are ready to pull out at fifteen minutes notice, and special attention is being given to the instruction of the sailors in small arms and firing practice.

To-morrow the court will devote considerable time to the preparation of diagrams showing parts of the Maine as found after the explosion.

Movements of Warships.

The United States cruiser Montgomery arrived here this morning from Havana and the United States cruiser Detroit sailed this morning for the Tortugas islands with provisions and ammunition for the fleet. From the Tortugas the Detroit will proceed to Tampa to load ammunition.

The Morgan line steamer Arkansas arrived here this morning from Havana with Senator Money and Congressman Amos J. Cummings and Alden Smith on board.

The United States cruiser Nashville sailed for the Tortugas with supplies simultaneously with the Detroit.

The Montgomery is, with the exception of the torpedo boats, the only warships in the harbor.

The torpedo boat Foote arrived this afternoon from Charleston by way of Jacksonville.

Advices from Havana.

HAVANA, March 18.—Circulars have been sent to the alcades of about two hundred towns in Cuba, notifying them of the methods of relief, and also setting forth that corn meal amounting to one pound per day per capita would be the first supply sent.

Visitors to the Colon cemetery find the graves of the dead of the Maine decorated with many flowers, while from the central place of sepulter waves a long streamer of red and yellow, with an inscription showing that the decoration and flowers were placed there by the sailors of the Austrian warship Donau: "In memory of our unfortunate fellow sailors of the United States ship Maine."

One Spanish and four American divers have been working on the wreck to-day. This afternoon two bodies were recovered, but neither has been identified as yet. One is the body of a man apparently about forty, of medium height with his right forearm tattooed in a design of two hearts overlapping and pierced by two daggers, with a red tinged clover leaf above the hearts.

MINING SAVANNAH HARBOR.

A Government Force at Work—Two Batteries of Artillery Arrive.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 18.—Battery F, First Artillery, arrived here from Fortress Monroe to-night and was sent at once to Tybee island to man the guns on the heavy fortifications in progress there.

Battery F, of light artillery from Fort Riley, Kas., will arrive to-morrow and go into camp near the city.

A government force is at work planting the harbor with submarine mines and torpedoes off Fort Pulaski at the mouth of Savannah river. Three inland steamers owned and operated by W. T. Gibson were tendered the government to-day for this purpose. The tender was made through inquiry from the War Department.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Development of French Demands in China Causes Concern in England.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 18.—At the Cabinet Council yesterday there was an anxious discussion of the new development of French demands in China. The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, has decided to postpone his intended departure for the Riviera. All the newspapers this morning comment on the impossible nature of the French demands.

The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,289,102,979; per cent. increase 35.4. Exclusive of New York $502,025,772; per cent. increase 23.3.

STRENGTH OF SPAIN'S ARMY.

Including Reserves She Has a Total of Six Hundred Thousand Men.

THE FORCE IN CUBA 135,000.

Seventy Thousand Spanish Soldiers Have Been Killed, Wounded or Otherwise Incapacitated During the War in Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Seventy thousand men is the number of Spanish soldiers who have been killed, wounded and otherwise incapacitated for duty during the present war in Cuba. These figures have been received in this city recently from reliable sources and are said to be as nearly authentic as it is possible to obtain them without recourse to the records kept by the Spanish Government. From the same source considerable other information bearing on the military strength of Spain and her dependencies is obtained. The present force of Spain in Cuba is as follows: Regulars, 135,000. Of this number it is estimated that 80,000 of them are effective for military purposes. They are distributed throughout the island as follows:

About 25,000 are in the two eastern provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Puerto Principe and the remainder are in the province of Santa Clara, Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio. There are about 30,000 members in what is known as the volunteer army. These are mostly in the province of Havana and are largely in the nature of home guards, corresponding to our State militia. There are 55,000 men who are not effective for military duty from various causis.

The strength of the Spanish army at home including her nearby possessions is 100,000, men which in times of demand for additional soldiers may be increased as follows.

First reserve, 50,000; second reserve, 160,000 men, all of whom are instructed in military tactics, and a second reserve which is not instructed of 300,000 men, making in all a grand total of 610,000 men. Since these figures were received here, recent drafts of 15,000 men to strengthen the army in Cuba leaves only 85,500 men of Spain's regular army now in the peninsula, the Balearic Islands, the Spanish possessions in North Africa and the Canary Islands.

In the Philippine islands Spain has an army of 32,000 men, which includes about 15,000 native troops. Several regiments of the latter were disbanded during the time of war. It is said that they are of little use to the Spanish government.

In Porto Rico there are 5,000 Spanish troops, which, in the event of hostilities, could be supplemented by 4,000 volunteers.

EX-P. M. GEN. WANAMAKER.

Talks About the Cuban Question on His Gubernatorial Campaign in Pennsylvania.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LANCASTER, PA., March 18—Ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker continued his gubernatorial campaign in this county by addressing a big mass meeting to-night in the Borough of Eprata. In the course of his address he said:

"It is not a question of DeLome, the discarded minister of Spain, and President McKinley It is a question of principles. Stripped of all verbiage, it is a serious, undownable question of right and wrong.

"In time of peace Spain stands for the same custody of our battleship Maine that America stood for Spain's battleship Vizcaya while she was afloat in New York harbor.

"Spain must make an accounting for our buried ship and entombed seamen —for the dignity of our flag. We are not fixing the responsibilities of the present situation or indulging in untimely reflection.

"Do we demand war? Never! Since Lee's surrender at Appomattox the birds have built their nests in the cannon's mouth and our swords have been beaten into pruning hooks and plow shares or shelved in museums to illustrate the history of emancipation for millions of the blacks.

"But we do unitedly and unceasingly insist upon all possible reparation for the sinking of the Maine and, above all, for honors due to the flag of a peaceable nation.

"Superbly has our President held himself in this irritating and distracting time, and nobly has our Congress supported him. It is better to be slow than to be rude, and it is better to be right than to be rash; but caution and resoluteness and rigid justice must march abreast to maintain the dignity of the United States—the greatest republic of the earth.

"Let the whole question of the strained relations between the nations be referred for adjustment to five of our sister nations, two to be chosen by the United States and two by Spain, and these four so chosen to select the fifth arbitrator with instructions to close up all questions in thirty days Then the shadow of fear will lift and the country can start on again to develop its industries and fulfil its mission."

THE CUBAN JUNTA.

Statement in Regard to the Indemnity Cuba Would Be Willing to Pay Spain.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.—T. Estrada Palma, head of the Cuban junta, gave out the following statement to-night in regard to the indemnity Cuba would be willing to pay Spain:

"At the beginning of the war the debt was $250,000,000, but Cuba could not stand it and this was one of the reasons that the revolt was precipitated.

"In the beginning of 1896, after the invasion of the Western provinces by the Cubans, the latter might have been willing to pay $200,000,000.

"At the beginning of the dry season of 1896-97 they would have paid $150,000,000, but now they would not give more if as much, than $100,000,000.

"If the wet season should set in this year before such an agreement could be arranged we would not think of paying anything.

"The reasons for the decreases in the amounts are the increased chances of our success," continued Mr. Palma, "not to speak of the destruction and desolation of the island that impair its productive capacity."

Battery B, Fourth United States Artillery, passed through Jackson, Miss., last night bound for New Orleans. The battery was from Fort Riley, Kas.

PATRICK DONAHOE

Other Members of the Family as Warmly Advise Use of

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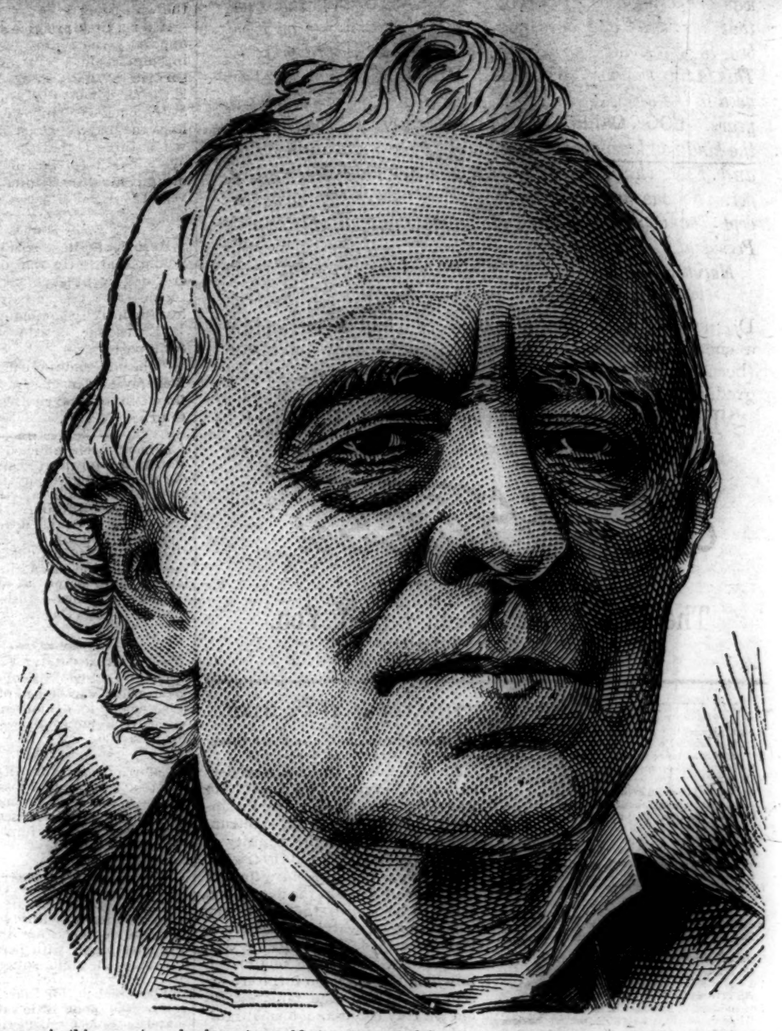

Few men in this country who have lived to "clear the eight-barrel gate which not many come in sight of, and fewer go over," have enjoyed more of the blessings of a long, active, well-spent life than Patrick A. Donahoe, the founder of the Boston Pilot.

In every city, village and hamlet throughout the several states and territories of the Union, where Irish-American people have settled, the name of Patrick Donahoe is spoken with respect, admiration and affection.

More than half a century ago Mr. Donahoe established the Pilot. In 1870 he engaged John Boyle O'Reilly, who was its brilliant editor for twenty years.

To every good cause and to every charity he has been a generous subscriber. Scarcely a Catholic church in New England that has not been a recipient of his bounty.

Mr. Donahoe is now eighty-six.

The following open letter, sent to Wells, Richardson & Co., is, in fact, addressed to the thousands of friends all over the land, in whose hearts and homes Patrick Donahoe has found so large a place.

I recently suffered from prostration brought on by a protracted illness of a very trying character, and at the suggestion of friends who were believers in your remedy (Paine's celery compound) I was induced to give it a trial. I am happy to say that the result was most satisfactory, and I felt its good effect immediately. Hence I am able to recommend its use in cases like mine, where the nervous system, from any cause, is run down and needs a reliable tonic.

Three-fourths of all the aches, pains and disabilities that aged persons suffer from arise plainly from retarded circulation. The slow blood stream gets choked with an accumulation of waste matter that declares its presence in twinges of rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia and inability to sleep. All these unnatural conditions can be corrected and permanently done away with by vigorously cleansing the blood and regulating the tardy circulation. Paine's celery compound is pre-eminently capable of doing this beyond any other remedy.

I am happy to state that two members of my family have used Paine's celery compound with the most gratifying results. My daughter-in-law, Mrs. P. M. Donahoe, has received the most pronounced results from its use, whilst my son, J. Frank Donahoe, the organist of the Cathedral, is loud in its praise, having found it a great help in regaining his strength from overwork in his profession.

Yes, I believe in Paine's celery compound.

PATRICK DONAHOE.

There is nothing vague about the sort of "good health" that is promised by Paine's celery compound and vouched for by men and women who have used it. It means, among other things, firmer nerves, completer digestion, sweeter breath and more regular bodily functions. Paine's celery compound secures these where other remedies fail, because Paine's celery compound is the discovery of a great physician, who knew all that the school and text books could teach him, but more than that, he knew sick men and women, as few physicians in any age have known them. Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL. D., of the Dartmouth medical school, was able to drive out disease from the system, because he knew where the disease was lodged and how to help the excretory organs, instead of confusing them as so many illogical remedies do in their effort to cleanse the blood. Paine's celery compound encourages and strengthens the kidneys, and enables them to cleanse the blood of its waste, poisonous matters that are the direct cause of drowsiness, listlessness, melancholia, blood diseases, wasting sickness, headaches and that general "run down" condition that opens the door to definite organic diseases of the heart, kidneys or stomach, especially when a person is advanced in years and no longer possessed of the abundant energy that characterizes youth alone.

Paine's celery compound makes the blood a bright red color, increases its volume in the arteries and quickens its circulation, and enables a nervetired person to sleep eight or nine hours at a stretch. Every man or woman whose nervous strength is at all overtaxed, or whose life is a busy one in many directions, will feel the invigorating, vitalizing effect of Paine's celery compound, and see his or her health mend from the first use of this greatest of all known invigorators and remedies.

IMPORTANT GATHERING OF SPANISH OFFICIALS.

Assembling in Washington Ostensibly to Arrange Commercial Treaties, But May Consider Other Matters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A distinguished assemblage of officials representing in their several capacities the Spanish government and the new insular government of Cuba, met here to-day. They included the Spanish minister, who in this instance acts as the special plenipotentiary of Spain to negotiate commercial treaties; Senor Manuel Rafael Angulo, special delegate of the Cuban government, and Senor Leonine Varela, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Havana, joint commissioner. Senor Cadrana, of the Cuban finance division, joint commissioner, will arrive here to-morrow.

Primarily, these officials have met to open the negotiations for commercial treaties between the United States, Spain and Cuba, but in view of the present condition of affairs, it is not improbable that their connection with all the official branches of the Spanish and Cuban Governments will permit their deliberations to take a wider range. In anticipation of the meeting, and Senor Cardrana's arrival, the Spanish minister has conferred with Commissioner Kasson with a view of making general arrangements for the opening of negotiations.

The reciprocitive treaties, which it is proposed to negotiate, have been under consideration by both governments for some time and considerable preliminary work was accomplished by Minister Woodford and the Spanish authorities at Madrid. This is now to be carried forward and in execution of the autonomy plan that gives the Cubans control of their tariff affairs, Messrs. Angulo, Varela and Cadrana have been designated by the Cuban cabinet to represent that body. Coming at this time of emergency, however, the suggestion has been made that the Cuban commissioners would not confine their efforts strictly to commercial affairs if the opportunity offered of aiding a reconciliation of the insurgents. That this is in view cannot be confirmed in any official quarter, but it is thought that such a move would be made if there were any promise of its success.

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SENATOR GALLINGER'S VIEWS

Utter Wretchedness and Destitution of Cubans—The Maine Destroyed by External Agency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Gallinger was at the Capitol to-day for the first time since his return from Cuba. When requested to make a statement as to his observations on the condition of affairs on the island, he responded:

"You can sign my name to any picture of utter wretchedness, destitution and hellishness in that country. The condition of affairs, so far as I had opportunity to observe it, and I was only in Havana, and Matanzas, is simply indescribable.

"With reference to the military aspect of affairs in Cuba, I saw nothing which impressed me with the idea that Spain knows much about modern warfare. The soldiers I saw are not drilled as our soldiers are. Indeed, they lack every element of soldierly bearing, whatever may be said of their merits as fighters. The drills that I witnessed were a travesty on modern military ideas. While they were undergoing their evolutions the soldiers were talking to each other and smoking as freely and unconcernedly as they would do in their mess rooms.

"Naturally there was much talk about the Maine disaster, and so far as I could ascertain from my conversation with Americans and with those not entirely under the influence of the Spaniards, the opinion was universal that the Maine had been destroyed by an external agency, and almost every person with whom I discussed the subject in Cuba expects that the findings of the American Court of Inquiry will substantiate this view."

The Madrid *Imparcial* says: "The instructions sent to the torpedo flotilla to remain at the Canary islands are due to the Government's desire that the squadron should be escorted to Cuba by a cruiser and for no other reason."

Cadet George Lee, son of General Fitzhugh Lee, consul general at Havana, Cuba, is in the Cadet hospital at West Point, suffering from a broken arm which he sustained while vaulting a wooden horse in the gymnasium.

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WARM WIRELETS.

An official denial is given to the report that the Italian armored cruiser Varese has been sold.

Kid McCoy, at the Springfield, Ohio, Athletic Club last night, knocked out Dick Bolby, of Defiance, Ohio, in one minute and ten seconds.

Officers at Terrell, Texas, have three business men of Willis Point under arrest, charged with cotton swindling through bogus bills of lading.

It is understood that the report of the Spanish Naval Court upon the Maine disaster will be delayed until the American report is published.

The crew of the filibuster Dauntless, seventeen in all, finding their occupation gone by the seizure of the boat, have joined the United States navy.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish Premier, says that the journey of the torpedo squadron, now at the Canaries, to Havana has not been indefinitely postponed.

A dynamite explosion took place yesterday morning in the government store house on Montego bay, Jamaica. Eight men were killed and many injured.

"Australian" Jimmie Ryan was given the decision over Jim Watts (colored) champion middle weight of the South in the twentieth round at Louisville, Ky.

It is said to be probable that President McKinley will appoint Judson C. Lyons, colored, national committeeman from Georgia, Register of the Treasury, to succeed the late B. K. Bruce.

Howard Gould, the owner of the ocean-going steam yacht Niagara, now nearing completion, will surrender his vessel to the government in the event of hostilities between this country and Spain.

A terrible explosion took place yesterday in the Santa Isabel mine at Belmez, province of Cordova, Spain. Twenty bodies have already been recovered and many men are as yet unaccounted for.

J. W. Blake, of Mexia, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Texas, has determined to make the race against Governor Culberson for United States Senator to succeed Roger Q. Mills, whose term expires March 4th, 1899.

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